

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT[641]

Notice of Intended Action

**Proposing rule making related to journey person examination
and providing an opportunity for public comment**

The Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Board hereby proposes to amend Chapter 29, “Plumbing and Mechanical Systems Board—Application, Licensure, and Examination,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rule Making

This rule making is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code sections 105.4, 105.20, and 272C.2.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code chapters 17A, 105, and 272C.

Purpose and Summary

The proposed amendment adds greater flexibility for applicants seeking to take their journey person examination by allowing them to take the examination 12 months prior to completing their required apprenticeship credits. The current rule allows applicants to take the examination six months prior to completion of the apprenticeship.

Fiscal Impact

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rule making would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Board for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to the Board’s general waiver provisions contained in 641—Chapter 31.

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written comments concerning this proposed rule making. Written comments in response to this rule making must be received by the Board no later than 4:30 p.m. on March 29, 2022. Comments should be directed to:

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Public Hearing

No public hearing is scheduled at this time. As provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b,” an oral presentation regarding this rule making may be demanded by 25 interested persons, a governmental subdivision, the Administrative Rules Review Committee, an agency, or an association having 25 or more members.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rule making by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rule making at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee’s meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rule-making action is proposed:

Amend paragraph **29.6(3)“1”** as follows:

1. A journeyperson examination applicant may apply to sit for the examination up to ~~6~~ 12 months prior to completion of the 48 months of required apprentice credit, which shall include the granting of advanced standing or credit for previously acquired experience, training, or skills.